

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-28 are all the claims pending in the present application.

Claims 1-28, previously presented in the amendment filed on June 26, 2007, were deemed allowable over the prior art of record.

The specification was objected to because there are two submissions for the term "RETs". Applicants have amended to specification to clarify that the term RET is intended to mean any "resolution enhancement technologies", as discussed starting on page 1, line 27, continuing through page 2, line 21. RET is intended to encompass any lithographic technology that is intended to compensate for and correct for deviations due to diffraction, interference and processing effects that occur during the transfer of the image pattern, and includes technologies such as optical proximity correction (OPC), SubResolution Assist Features (SRAFs) and Alternating Phase-Shift Masks (AltPSM).

In view of the foregoing, Applicants submit that the objections have been overcome. The Examiner is respectfully requested to pass the above application to issue at the earliest possible time. Should the Examiner find the application to be other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below to discuss any other changes deemed necessary. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees due or credit overpayments to Deposit Account No. 09-0458.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached by telephone at (845) 894-6919. All correspondence should continue to be directed to the address listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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